

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been canceled. Therefore, allowable claims 10-20 remain pending in the application.

At number 3 of the Office Action dated June 28, 2004, Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,549,261 to Okada et al ("Okada") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,771,084 to Fujimori et al ("Fujimori").

Claims 1-4 have been canceled thus obviating a response to this rejection.

At number 4 of the Office Action, Claims 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,573,961 to Jiang et al ("Jiang '961") in view of JP 362106407 ("JP '407") as applied to Claims 1-4 above and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,344,300 to Baba et al ("Baba").

Claims 5-9 have been canceled thus obviating a response to this rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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